

Remarks

This case has been reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 22 February 2002. In the Examiner's opinion there are four patentably distinct species, namely, Species A directed to Figs. 7A-7B; Species B directed to Figs. 8A-8B; Species C directed to Figs. 9A-9B; and Species D directed to Figs. 10A-10B.

In accordance with the Restriction Requirement imposed by the Examiner, Applicant elects the Species shown in Figs. 9A-9B for further prosecution. It is believed that Claims 1, 8 and 33-43 are readable on the elected Species C directed to Figs. 9A-9B.

Being filed concurrently with this Response to the Restriction Requirement is a Request for Extension of Time of one month to respond with the requisite fees being paid.

It is now believed that the subject patent application has been placed in condition for examination and such action is respectfully requested.

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